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SUBJECT: TURKEY AND CYPRUS: GOT LETTER TO WALDHEIM

REF: ANKARA 3488

1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL DURING CALL ON EUR ASSISTANT
SECRETARY VEST MAY 9 NOTED THAT TURKISH UN REPRESENTATIVE
TURKMEN WOULD BE DELIVERING GOT'S MESSAGE TO WALDHEIM (REF-
TEL) ON MAY 10. ESENBEL SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO LETTER
FROM ECEVIT, TURKMEN HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO INFORM WALDHEIM
THAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT WAS NEGATIVE REGARDING A VISIT
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TO ANKARA BY UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR CYPRUS GALINDO-
POHL. IN THE TURKISH VIEW SUBSTANTIAL TURKISH CYPRIOT PRO-
POSALS HAD BEEN MADE AND THE NEXT STEP WAS TO RECONVENE THE
INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS NOT TO ENGAGE IN PRE-NEGOTIATIONS.
IN ANY EVENT, PROPOSALS PRESENTED TO WALDHEIM COULD NOT BE
CHANGED NOR COULD TURKISH FLEXIBILITY BE SPECIFICALLY DE-
FINED IN ADVANCE OF RESUMPTION OF INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS.

2. VEST OBSERVED THAT HE FELT THAT IN SUCH MATTERS EXTERNAL PERCEPTIONS WERE VERY IMPORTANT. HE EXPLAINED THAT TURKISH STATEMENTS REGARDING THEIR INTENTION TO BE FLEXIBLE AS OPPOSED TO THE GREEK CYPRIOT REFUSAL TO COME TO THE TABLE, HAD BEEN SEEN IN A POSITIVE VEIN. HOWEVER, IT WOULD INDEED BE UNFORTUNATE WERE THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL TO SEND HIS

REPRESENTATIVE TO TURKEY TO DISCUSS CYPRUS AND THE GOT DECLINE TO RECEIVE HIM. ESENBEL RESPONDED THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING BASED ON A U.S. RADIO NEWS REPORT THAT PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT HAD MADE A PUBLIC STATEMENT EARLIER MAY 9 OF THE TURKISH POSITION. HOWEVER, ESENBEL SAID IT WAS BEST THAT THIS MATTER BE PURSUED WHEN TURKMEN MET WITH WALDHEIM MAY 10, SINCE HE WAS PROBABLY EXCEEDING HIS INSTRUCTIONS EVEN TO BRING IT UP AT THE DEPARTMENT. VEST EXPRESSED THE STRONG HOPE THAT NO OPPORTUNITY BE LOST TO RESUME THE CYPRUS NEGOTIATING PROCESS AND RECALLED THAT WE HAD BEEN MAKING THE SAME POINT TO THE GREEK CYPRIOTS.

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